

MAILS EXPECTED

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. and O. steamer *Rangoon*, with the English mail, left Singapore at 8 A.M. on 2nd, and may be expected to arrive here on 7th instant.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. and A. M. steamer *Memorable*, with the Australian mail, left Singapore at 8 A.M. on 2nd, and may be expected to arrive here on 7th instant.

THE O. and A. M. steamer *Oceanic*, with the American mail, left San Francisco on the 1st inst., and may be expected to arrive here on the 8th or 9th instant.

about the 22nd instant.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The authorized List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is also corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
For Amoy—Per *Esmeralda*, to-day, the instant, at 11.30 A.M.
For Hallow, Pakhoi, and Haiphong—Per *the "Rhine"* at 4.30 P.M.

For Cooctown, Sydney, Melbourne, &c.—
Meat, to-morrow, at 7th instant, at 5 p.m.
 For America and Mexico.—Per *Empire*, on Th-
 day, the 8th instant, at 3.30 p.m.
 For Saigon.—Per *Quinta*, on Thursday,
 the 8th instant, at 5 p.m.
 For Japan, via Kobe.—Per *Sumida Maru*,
 Friday, the 9th instant, at 5 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to
 order, under Section XII. of the Post Office
 Ordinance, 1876, that the Late Fee charged
 Correspondence posted after certain hours
 during America, the Australian Colonies

Shanghai, &c., shall be 10 Cents, instead of as hitherto.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET
The British Contract Packet "ANGON" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 10th of July, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Brindisi, the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Birmah, Calcutta, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar. This is the best opportunity for forwarding correspondence to Mauritius, E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for

Australian Colonies.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
The French Contract Packet "A" will be despatched on MONDAY, the 17th, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, the Australian Colonies, Pondicherry, Malacca, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.
THE ENGLISH MAIL.—DAY OF DEPARTURE.

3 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
 3 P.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Postal
 all printed matter and patterns ceases.
 4 P.M., Mails closed, except for Late Letter.
 4.10 P.M., Letters may be posted with
 Fee of 10 cents until
 4.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
 4.40 P.M., Late Letters may be posted on
 the Packet with Late-Fee of 10 cents
 time of departure.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

SATURDAY—
 5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post
 offices, except the night box, which is also

open out of office hours.
MONDAY—
 7 A.M., Post Office opens.
 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. Postal
 all printed matter and patterns ceases.
 11 A.M., Mail closes, except for Late Letters.
 11.10 A.M., Letters may be posted with Late
 of 10 cents nail.
 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office closes entirely.
 11.40 A.M., Late Letters may be posted on the
 the packet with Late Fee of 18 Cents
 time of departure.

**MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAIT
 PACKET.**

The Australian Contract Packet "MAMBY" will be despatched from Hong Kong on SATURDAY, the 10th July, with mail for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Koppell Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, andbourne.

Correspondence cannot be registered 3.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 3.30 p.m. Supplementary Mail on board with 10 cents last till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired.

as a general rule it is better to send it via

**REGULATIONS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
AND INTERCOLONIAL MONEY ORDERS.**

1.—The Post Office of Hongkong is
Money Orders on the Empire of Japan,
South Wales, Queensland, South Australia,
Port Darwin, the Straits Settlements,
Western Australia.

2.—Money Orders may also be obtained at
British Post Office, Shanghai, on any of
above places except Japan.

3.—The exchange of Local Money Orders
between Hongkong and Shanghai continues

hereof, subject to the rates laid down in next paragraph.

4.—The Commission to be charged on Money Orders named above is as follows:—

For a sum not exceeding £5 or \$25 ...	25 C.
From £25 to £10, or \$25 to \$50	50 C.

5.—No Order must exceed £10 or \$50, will more than two such Orders be issued to same person, in favour of the same party, the same mail.

6.—Sums not exceeding \$50 may be remitted between the other Ports of China by means of Postage Stamps, subject to a charge of one cent for each pair thereon.

REGULATIONS AS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy, commissioned Officers,* Army Schoolmaster (not Superintending or First Class) or Sea-mistresses may send half-ounce letters to United Kingdom via Brindisi or via Malta at the rate of four pence (twopence) each, which may be repaid either in Imperial or in Hong Kong Stamps.

2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.

- 3.—All such letters prepaid at the former of two cents (one penny) will be forwarded from the United Kingdom by private steamer and not by the mail packets.
- 4.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days, and are from seven weeks on the voyage.
- 5.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be even with the ends open.
- 6.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class description must be stated in full on the cover of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment; if

7.—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c. be stated in full.

8.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privilege with regard to books or papers, nor can they be prepaid with Imperial Stamps.

* But not Warrant Officers, viz.—Assistant Gunner, Gunner, Boatswain, or Carpenter.

STAMP OFFICE.

The above Office being now provided with 3-cent die Books of Receipts, Hunt Collo. Books, &c., can be stamped beforehand in

same manner as Cheque Books. Loose returns can also be stamped if required.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office not sealed, that is to say, the boxes are fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to the necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a book or receipt with them. The omission of the latter precaution leaves a doubt as to whether the contents of the box ever reached the Post Office; the omission of the former,

whether part of them might not have been
abstracted for the sake of the Postage Stamps

